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Enclosed herewith is a translation of E letter to CALLIGERIS announcing his resignation from the Junta and the Group, as well as a copy of the letter itself. Enclosed also are two contact reports and a memorandum of comment upon the letter which explain the circumstances which surrounded E decision. J

JEROME C. DUNBAR

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Attachments:

- Att. A: Translation of E letter to CALLIGERIS, 9 April 1954
- Att. B: A copy of the letter in Spanish
- Att. C: Memorandum for the Record: Comments of Francis T. MYLKES on E letter to CALLIGERIS, 9 April 1954 J
- Att. D: A copy of E letter to Francis T. MYLKES, 11 April 1954
- Att. E: Contact Report 55: E and Francis T. MYLKES; E Health, 16 April 1954 J
- Att. F: Contact Report 56: E and Francis T. MYLKES; Visit of MYLKES at home of E J - 10 April 1954

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My very distinguished PANCHO:

As I promised you in my letter today I sent you these letters in order to enlarge upon my reports of my trip and of those other matters which are of concern to our endeavors.

1. Visit to MEXICO

[ As you must know, the Frente Popular Anticomunista Mexicano, which [direct, intends to hold a large Continental Anti-Communist Congress at the end of this coming May. I conferred at length with these people about its organization, its plans, proposals and financing. They are very optimistic but lack the necessary resources. They hope to organize a delegation made up of representatives of organizations from this country, Canada and Mexico, especially workers, for the purpose of having this delegation visit the other American countries in a strong propaganda campaign. This task includes conferences, interviews, articles for the press, speeches for the radio, distribution of pamphlets, etc. Then contacts with the anti-communist organizations of each country in order to discuss the issues and to determine conclusions. They asked my personal collaboration in integrating within this delegation an element of our own for the purpose of orienting the situation with regard to our country and of forming a favorable climate for our plans.

Upon returning from this mission, the Congress will be celebrated in the city of Cuernavaca, Morelos, with an attendance of approximately 50 delegates, among them five American, ex-ambassadors who lived and discharged their duties in lands controlled by communism. The Directors (i.e. of the Frente) and Lic. Ezequiel PADILLA, ex-Minister of Relations and Chief of the Mexican Delegation at the Rio de Janeiro Conference, are in charge of preparations for the Congress. An extensive propaganda campaign will be carried out in the press and radio for the purpose of explaining the motives, aims and proposals of the Congress.

Today I received news of the friends referred to above, informing me that the Congress will be held from 26-30 May and that they are sending me the announcement of the Congress and the agenda. They also asked me for immediate and urgent financial cooperation for this event. All this I have turned over to Our Friends for their consideration.

It is my opinion that the Congress will not accomplish anything and that the important thing is that we be given all the aid which we need for our endeavors and once these are consummated, we can contribute in an effective

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manner to combat communism. I have neither hope nor enthusiasm for such an event (i.e. the Congress). In the event that a decision is reached, I will immediately inform you in order to prepare our delegation as well as the material we must present.

2. I conferred at length with Don Florencia AVILA Sanchez/<sup>with</sup>whom you visited, according to the account which he gave me. He told me that he had prepared a series of articles about our country and our men and that you had approved his plans to go to the North and initiate a newspaper campaign in our behalf. His invitation was to meet him in New York where he could place me in contact with valuable <sup>individuals</sup>elements who will aid us and are sympathetic with our plans. Representatives of powerful labor organizations are among those <sup>individuals</sup>elements referred to. We must pay his expenses and a proposed monthly salary which he fixed at 3000 dollars. I immediately informed Our Friends of this. My personal opinion is that we must not cooperate financially in the venture which this emissary advocates. I do not believe in the effectiveness of the endeavor and, as I have related in connection with the Congress, I consider that there are other aims to be pursued. AVILA is the Secretario de Relaciones of the Frente Popular Anticomunista Mexicano.

3. With regard to C J I have brought away the best opinion; he is a great admirer of you and is prepared to fight intellectually and materially. I designated C J and of the newspaper ( Pronto ). We calculated the expenses of the newspaper, making it a weekly edition, with an accounting or description of every item and with a circulation of 3000 copies, amounting to the sum of 1000 dollars monthly. Of this sum, 2000 Mexican pesos will be set aside as his personal fee for, in effect, in order to run the newspaper and the organization he will have to dispense with his other work from which he obtains the money necessary to live.

The office will be organized on a budget well adapted to the acquisition of the indispensable. A humble office, which is basic. Two routes for the introduction of the newspaper into Guatemala are being studied; we decided that C J will visit the frontier in order to renew contacts and investigate the concentration of Communist elements in that place.

The orientation of the newspaper ( Pronto ) has been determined, the principal overt theme being an attack upon the Comite de Amigos de Guatemala with the intent of making them state whether they "are friends of the Communist government or friends of the oppressed people". This was a good choice C J and I had the pleasure

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of reading the first article that he wrote on this theme. The attack will be a constant one which, without being personal in its criticism, will still try to oblige intellectuals like the Rector of the Universidad Autonoma and thinkers like VASCONCELOS, CASO and others, who are not communists, to be receptive polemically and attain a reappraisal. Of course the newspaper will follow our propaganda lines in other matters in order to arrive at collaboration in that coordinated form in which we are carrying on this campaign.

4. I have prepared a memorandum which contains my ideas on the Mexican national press, the politics of the government, the forces of the labor organizations which are sympathetic to our cause, the religious organizations which we can count on in an emergency, the position and attitude of the Comite Pro-Liberacion de Guatemala and their developing campaign which is hostile to our groups, the force and organization of the Frente Popular Anticomunista Mexicano, etc. — all that it can do to aid us and all that it can do to prejudice us. The next step now is that, knowing the true situation and knowing still more the forces which we can count, and the publicity which we can rouse, we must plan our work for the purpose of neutralizing the contrary forces and developing practical, precise, and effective activities. All this information is now to be found in the hands of Our Friends for discussion of our action, upon my return to LINCOLN, for I am now at my home recuperating from a pancreatic attack which I suffered on my journey.

5. The Comite Pro-Liberacion is actually made up of no more than four persons and directed by RAMIREZ and is engaged in a task which prejudices our interests within our own land. These people, who are in contact with [ ] represent the very past against which the people rose on the 20th of October. The civil military movement displaced them and placed them in the situation in which they find themselves today; they continue this movement in an incomprehensible plan and in a manner in which profound hates and deep-rooted angers prevail. In their eyes Colonel ARANA continues to be a traitor, thus justifying the infamous, unjust and criminal death which the assassins who today enjoy power loosed upon him. By means of our intelligence service I was able to obtain a photostatic copy of an article prepared for the Boletin in which his memory is defamed. You can understand the effect which these attacks have provoked in people who are opposed to the regime and the grave damages which it causes among those groups who want a better Guatemala but who can never accept the dictatorships, the tyrannies and the despotisms which they have suffered for so many years.

On the other hand they (i.e. the Comite Pro-Liberacion) will never accept you as the Chief of a movement much less as Chief of State. In order to determine where their ambitions lay, one of our friends, with a great personality and prestige, hinted at a Governmental Junta

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in which he might be included; such an idea was rejected, providing evidence to support the impossibility of attracting these people. In order to accommodate Our Friends and to demonstrate to what degree our inclusion will extend, and acting not without knowledge of these foregoing facts, I agreed to seek out and confer with [ ] In order to recruit him, convincing him that ideals must rise above any ambition, that the situation of our country demands sacrifice, and that he and his friends would be well received by us. If such a thing did not work, I was to obtain as a minimum the promise that they would do no damage and should manifest unity at least for the Continental Congress if such a Congress was actually held. [ ] refused to see or to visit with me, action which obliged me to cancel these negotiations and to show our friends the position and the conduct of each one.

The most painful aspect of this affair is Our Friend's endorsement of them, upon which these people base their hopes and through whom they develop their activities. On various occasions you have asked me to make this situation clear and to ask that all aid be stopped. Up until this date I have not been able to succeed. I do not know what is going on but I cannot explain to myself what is at the bottom of this affair. We are proceeding with absolute loyalty and integrity and we have identified ourselves with our ideals and ideas proposed in our political memorandums. We have never taken one step behind their backs which might be the cause of a complaint or a reproach. We are and we shall be throughout our life consistent because we are honorable and decent and because we have a clear and definite concept of friendship and gratitude. The only explanation I can find is that the task of infamy and slander which our adversaries have been directing toward us, has finally been heeded and has succeeded in weakening us; also in connection with this point, the recent contacts with [ ] which are causing disorientation and prejudicing unity and confidence in our groups.

6. In your last letter you commented on the controls and limitations which have been placed on every expenditure, making it appear a lack of confidence in our management of affairs. This has been one of the weapons wielded by ambitious and dissatisfied elements and this destructive labor continues and will continue to beat against this target which they consider effective. (i.e. against the Junta's misuse of funds). I showed immediate conformity with such controls, making budgets and submitting accounts, for our endeavors have been open and honorable and I desired to demonstrate the lack of substantiation for the charges of our enemies. Therefore I repeatedly wrote to you about this matter and as you could do nothing else, you approved it and have subjected yourself to being audited. Well now it is extremely troublesome to work when you have lost confidence: matters of immediate attention are delayed and the planning of activities is difficult to carry out, realizing that one cannot depend on necessities and that finances

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have to be discussed even to the last detail. The responsibility which the direction of such delicate matters as ours entails because actually responsibility cannot be guided nor can such guidance be honorably accepted. In our negotiations with Our Friends, the responsibility for very delicate matters was put in my charge; I feel that in our present working arrangement I cannot nor must I continue in a position in which I do not have free determination and in which my ideas, plans, and labors are not realized in immediate form and along the lines of my proposals. Continuing those standards within which I have laid out my conduct throughout my life, I have decided to decline the task of director for I have a clear concept of responsibility. Before leaving for Mexico I planned the organization of our tasks, I calculated limited expenditures and I left in completed form the contacts and connections which were to be made in order to make effective a task of immediate and effective results within the circumstances personally evaluated by me. Up until this day nothing has been done because matters relating to finances have still not been resolved.

7. I submitted documented documented monthly accounts for that sum which you suggested should be handed over to me by the month, not for personal expenditures because I have never solicited that, but for expenditures related to our affairs. Of the first 1000 dollars received I had to acquire two money orders in order to send them to my brother in Mexico who, you know, lacks funds and who made a trip on a mission for our organizations and for the purpose of resolving conflicts which have arisen. He had to remain outside our country for a period of a month and a half during which time he received instructions, communicated them to the Guatemalans and received new requirements which he transmitted to me and were taken care of by me. Therefore I consider that his expenses should be covered. The first draft of \$200.00 was lost so I had to buy a new draft for an equal amount, giving instructions to the bank not to pay the first: but I had to figure on the absence of this amount in my accounts in the period in which the value of the first draft was credited to my account. At a later date I asked that they should send him \$100.00 more. On checking my accounts the remark was made to me that they thought possibly the person to whom these funds had been sent was one of my family. You will understand how I felt about such a remark, for you know of my sacrifices, including economic sacrifices, in my fight for our ideals; you know also that Our Friends on one occasion put 30,000 pounds (sterling) in my hands and I refused to accept it, asking later that it be sent to you directly and in two packages, which was done.

8. In my previous letter I made reference to the report which [ ] prepared in collaboration with [ ] and which was directed against you and [ ] Such a report was spread about by a member of the Comite (Pro-Liberacion) itself.

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- a. That [ ] was squandering money in high fashion. That in one night he had spent more than 900 Mexican pesos in a cabaret.
- b. That learning of the denunciation of DELGADO and in order to prevent our friends from eliminating him, you gave him money in order that he might flee, which presupposes your relations with ARBENZ.
- c. Your opulent life and your exploitation of three trucks in your own business; and
- d. Other slanders and infamies which you may guess at, given the form in which you have been attacked.

The friend who was accompanying me (Note: a KUSODA man) received instructions to return immediately which led me to consider this one of the effects produced on receiving the information from the individual referred to above (i.e. from the Comite).

9 According to that which I have been informed, during my absence and at your request the Group approved the trip of ARENAS and CORONADO on a propaganda mission to the countries in the South. At the present moment I consider CORONADO would be very useful to us in Salvador and that the investment which this trip represents would be more useful applied to other matters. Furthermore I do not see any practical aim in this mission. I am sorry not to be in agreement but things will be done as it has been planned and agreed upon. The [ ] affair is urgent and we must resolve it; therefore I have asked him for a report of all the offers which they made to him for he accepted on the basis of the *relation which* exists among ourselves. I succeeded in convincing [ ] to come to LINCOLN. I did this at the instigation of Our Friends. Now it appears that it has been thought done in an unusual manner and she has written me four letters manifesting surprise at my lack of formality. All this is terribly disconcerting, as you can imagine.

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To all the foregoing I come now to a summary of my bad health. On my last trip I found it rising and falling. After remaining four days in bed suffering from a pancreatic attack, I got up in order to travel to Mexico, where I continued to be ill. Nevertheless I tried to fulfill, in the best manner, all the tasks with which I had been entrusted, organizing that which I considered fundamental and carrying all the information basic to carry out our plans in that country. I felt myself weakened by such sickness and I feel that I cannot continue to labor in the position of responsibility which has been entrusted to me: this has brought me to the resolution to decline it and to separate myself from the tasks which I have in

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my charge. Furthermore my suggestions in military matters have not been accepted and I do not wish to assume responsibility in matters in which I do not have absolute confidence, possibly through my lack of knowledge in this kind of affairs.

Given the development of our labors and the advanced stage which they have reached, my usefulness in our labors is highly relative. My cooperation in the direction is illusory: you understand that in every other matter of Our Friends, I must say that in all the remainder they have treated me in a most delicate and fine manner which I do not deserve. I know how to be consistent and grateful and that consistency and gratitude you will always find on my part.

Since I understand that these things cannot go on unless all these arrangements are brought to a head in order that matters can then develop in regular form, I have decided to continue to lend my collaboration until the 15th of this coming May in order to give all reports, orientation and instructions on those matters now pending, and after that date to retire in order to attend to my health and possibly to absent myself for a minimum of six months from these hospitable lands which have all my sympathy and in which I have had, as I said before, attentions, considerations and an esteem which I do not deserve. I beg you to give special attention to the resolve which I have made and to the causes which justify it; I shall ask the Creator to guide you and aid you in the fight which you are carrying on and that he give you very soon the satisfaction of seeing realized your lofty and liberal proposals. I am going to write to our great Friends, communicating to them my resolve, and I beg you to have an interview with [ ] and inform him about this. If later, when my health improves, I can be useful in some way, I shall be prompt to answer any call you make to me.

With the affectionate remembrances of my whole family for you and for your fine Senora and with my respects to her, I embrace a friend who is sincerely esteemed and appreciated by

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Muy estimado Pancho:

Como le prometí en mi carta de hoy, le envío estas letras para ampliar mis informes sobre mi viaje y sobre otras cuestiones que pueden tener interés para nuestros negocios.

- 1.-Visita a Dagoberto.- Como Ud. sabrá, el Frente Popular Anticomunista Mexicano que dirigen [ ] tienen el propósito de celebrar a fines del mes de mayo próximo un gran Congreso Anticomunista Continental. Conferencié largamente con estas personas sobre organización, planes, propósitos, y financiamiento. Están muy optimistas pero carecen de los recursos necesarios para poderlo realizar. Piensan organizar una delegación integrada por representantes de organizaciones de este país, Canadá y México, especialmente obreras, para que visite los demás países de América en una fuerte campaña de propaganda. Conferencias, entrevistas, artículos para la prensa, pláticas por radio, reparto de impresos, etc., comprenden esta labor. Luego contactos con las organizaciones anticomunistas de cada país, para discutir los temarios y definir conclusiones. Me pidieron colaboración personal, integrar la delegación con un elemento nuestro que oriente sobre la situación de nuestra patria y forme ambiente a nuestros planes.

Al regreso de esta misión, el Congreso se celebraría en la ciudad de Cuernavaca, Estado de Morelos, con la asistencia de un número aproximado de quinientos delegados, entre ellos cinco ex-embajadores americanos que tuvieron y desempeñaron sus cargos en países controlados por el comunismo. La preparación del Congreso está a cargo de sus dirigentes y Lic. Ezequiel Padilla, ex-Ministro de Relaciones y quien asistió a las conferencias de Río de Janeiro como Jefe de la delegación. Gran campaña de propaganda se haría en la prensa y en la radio para explicar los motivos del Congreso, sus fines y propósitos.

Hoy recibí noticias de los amigos antes indicados, informándome que el Congreso se llevará a cabo del 26 al 30 de Mayo y que me están enviando la convocatoria y la agenda. También me piden cooperación financiera inmediata y urgente para tal evento. Todo lo he transmitido a nuestros amigos para su consideración.

Mi opinión es que del Congreso no saldrá nada y que lo importante es que se nos dé todo el apoyo que necesitamos para nuestros negocios y una vez consumados estos, podremos contribuir en una forma efectiva para combatir el comunismo. No tengo pues ninguna esperanza ni entusiasmo por tal evento. En el caso de que se tome alguna decisión le informaré inmediatamente para preparar nuestra delegación y los trabajos que debemos presentar.

- 2.-Conferencié largamente con don Florencio Avila Sánchez con quien Ud. se entrevistó en esa, según las noticias que me dió. Me dijo que tenía preparadas una serie de artículos sobre nuestra tierra y sobre nuestros hombres y que Ud. había aprobado sus planes de venir al Norte e iniciar una campaña periodística a nuestro favor. Me invitó para reunirnos en Nueva York, donde me pondría en contacto con valiosos elementos que los apoyan y simpatizan con nuestros planes. Entre dichos elementos, representantes de poderosas organizaciones obreras. Sus gastos debemos cubrirselos y su presupuesto mensual me lo fijó en 3,000 dólares. Todo fué informado por mí inme-

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diatamente a nuestros amigos. Mi opinión personal es que no debemos cooptar económicamente a la gestión que expone este embajador. No creo en la efectividad de este trabajo y, como en lo relacionado con el Congreso, estimo que otros son los caminos a seguir. Aylla desempeña el cargo de Secretario de Relaciones del Frente Popular Anticomunista Mexicano.

- 3.- [ ] Traje la mejor opinión y es un gran administrador de Ud., dispuesto a luchar a su lado intelectual y materialmente. A él lo designé [ ] Hicimos un cálculo de gastos del periódico, nacimiento semanal, [ ] un dibujo o caricatura en cada número y con un tiraje de 3,000 ejemplares que ascendió a la suma de mil dólares mensuales. De esta cantidad 2000 pesos mexicanos serán designados a retribución personal de él, pues prácticamente al atender el periódico y organización, tiene que prescindir de todos los otros trabajos que ejecuta y de los cuales obtiene lo indispensable para sostenerse.

La oficina será organizada con un presupuesto muy ajustado para la adquisición de lo indispensable. Un despacho humilde, que es básto. Para la introducción del periódico a la Fábrica se estudiaron dos canales y resolvimos que el [ ] Visite la frontera para reafirmar los contactos e investigue la concentración de elementos comunistas en ese lugar, cuyo informe me llegó de la propia Fábrica.

La línea del periódico quedó determinada, siendo el blanco principal el ataque a los Comités de Amigos de Guatemala, para obligarlos a definirse: si son amigos del gobierno comunista o si son amigos del pueblo oprimido. [ ] Jacógió bien esta idea y tuvo el agrado de leer el primer artículo que escribió sobre este tema. El ataque será constante sin personalizar en cuanto a crítica, pero sí tratando de obligar a intelectuales como el Rector de la Universidad Autónoma y a los pensadores Vasconcelos, y Caso y otros, que no son comunistas, a abrir polémica o lograr una rectificación. Desde luego el periódico seguirá las líneas de nuestra propaganda en lo demás, al que enviaremos colaboración en la forma coordinada que llevamos esta campaña.

- 4.- Preparé un memorándum que contiene mis ideas sobre la prensa nacional, la política del gobierno, la fuerza de las organizaciones obreras que simpatizan con nuestra causa, las organizaciones cristianas que podemos aprovechar en casos de emergencia, la posición de los sectores universitarios en pugna, la postura y actitud del Comité Pro Liberación de Guatemala y la campaña hostil a nuestros grupos que desarrolla, la fuerza y organización relativas del Frente Popular Anticomunista Mexicano, etc. etc. Todo lo que puede ayudarnos y todo lo que puede perjudicarnos. Procede ahora que, conociendo la verdadera situación y conociendo aún más las fuerzas que podemos mover y la divulgación que podemos encontrar, planeemos nuestro trabajo a fin de neutralizar a las fuerzas contrarias y desarrollar actividades prácticas, precisas y eficaces. Todos estos informes se encuentran ya en poder de nuestros amigos para discutir nuestra acción a mi regreso a Jacinto, pues sigo en Richmond, curándome de un ataque pancreático que sufrí en mi viaje.
- 5.- El Comité Pro Liberación integrado efectivamente por no más de cuatro personas y dirigido por Ramírez, a mi juicio, desarrolla una labor que perjudica nuestros intereses dentro de la propia Tierra. Esta gente que está en relaciones con los [ ] representa el pasado

contra el que se levantó al pueblo el 20 de octubre. Este movimiento cívico militar los desgranó y les creó la situación que hoy tienen, y esto los hace mantenerse en un plano de incomprensión y en una postura en la que privan profundos odios y arraigados rencores. Para ellos el coronel Arana sigue siendo un traidor, justificando la muerte oprobiosa, injusta y criminal que le dieron los asesinos que hoy usufructúan el poder. Puede obtener una copia fotostática por medio de nuestro servicio de inteligencia, de un artículo preparado para el boletín en el que se infama su memoria. Ud. comprende el efecto que estos ataques causan en el pueblo que adversa al régimen y los graves daños que causa en los sectores que quieren una Guatemala mejor, pero que jamás podrán aceptar volver a las dictaduras, tiranías y despotismos que han sufrido durante tantos años.

Por otra parte, jamás lo aceptarán a Ud. como jefe de un movimiento y menos como jefe de Estado. Para conocer hasta donde llegan sus ambiciones, uno de nuestros amigos, con gran personalidad y prestigio, insinuó a Ramírez la formación de una Junta de Gobierno de la cual él podría ser integrante, tal idea fué desechada, lo que evidencia la imposibilidad de atraer a esta gente. Por complacer a nuestros amigos y para demostrar hasta donde llega nuestra amplitud, acepté, no obstante conocer estos antecedentes, buscar y conferenciar con Ud. al fin de atraerlos convenciendo de que los ideales deben estar por encima de cualquier ambición, que la situación de nuestro país exige sacrificios y que él y sus pocos amigos serían bien recibidos por nosotros. Si tal cosa no lograba, obtener por lo menos la promesa de que no hicieran daño y que manifestaran unidad, por lo menos para el Congreso Continental, si tal Congreso llegaba a celebrarse. [ Ud. quiso verme y entrevistarse conmigo, lo que me obligó a cancelar mis gestiones y demostrar a nuestros amigos la postura y conducta de cada qui-

Lo más penoso de este asunto, es que el respaldo, en el cual cifra esta gente sus esperanzas y con el cual desarrollan sus actividades, les es dado por nuestros propios amigos. Ud. en varias ocasiones me ha pedido hacer ver esta situación y pedir que se les retire toda ayuda. Hasta hoy nada he podido lograr. Yo no sé que pasa, pero no puedo explicarme qué hay en el fondo de este asunto. Nosotros procedemos con absoluta lealtad, integridad e identificados con nuestras ideas e ideales expuestos en nuestros memorandums políticos. Jamás hemos dado un paso a espaldas de ellos o que pudiera ser motivo de un reclamo o de un reproche. Somos consecuentes y seremos por toda la vida, porque somos honrados, decentes y tenemos un concepto claro y definido de lo que es la amistad y de lo que es la gratitud. La única explicación que encuentro, es la de que la labor de infamia y desprestigio que han venido haciendo todos nuestros adversarios contra nosotros, al fin ha sido oída y ha logrado minarnos, y de ahí los últimos contactos también con Ester, que están causando desorientación y perjudicando la unidad y confianza en nuestros grupos.

6.-En su última carta, Ud. comenta los controles y limitaciones que se han pto a todo gasto haciendo ver falta de confianza en el manejo de fondos. Esta ha sido una de las armas esgrimidas por elementos desplazados y ambiciosos y esta labor continúa y continuará golpeando constantemente este grupo que consideran efectivo. Yo manifesté inmediatamente mi conformidad con tales controles, haciendo presupuestos y rindiendo cuentas pues nuestros manejos han sido limpios y honrados y deseaba demostrar la falta de razón de las imputaciones de nuestros enemigos. Por eso escribí reiteradamente a Ud. sobre este particular y como no podía ser de otra manera, Ud. la aprobó y se ha sujetado a la fiscalización. Ahora bien, es sumamente doloroso bajar cuando se ha perdido la confianza; asuntos de atención inmediata se



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atrazan y la planificación de actividades es difícil llevarla a cabo pensándose en que no se contará con lo necesario y que los presupuestos tienen que ser discutidos hasta en sus menores detalles. La responsabilidad que implica la dirección de asuntos tan delicados como los nuestros no se puede asumir, porque prácticamente no se dirige y honradamente no se puede aceptar tal responsabilidad. En nuestros convenios con nuestros amigos quedaron a mi cargo responsabilidades de dirección en asuntos sumamente delicados y siento que en la forma en que estamos trabajando no puedo ni debo continuar en un puesto en el que no tengo libre determinación y en el que mis ideas, planes y labores no pueden realizarse en forma inmediata y bajo las líneas por mí trazadas. Siguiendo las normas dentro de las cuales he ajustado mi conducta por toda mi vida, he tomado la resolución de declinar el cargo de director pues tengo un claro concepto de responsabilidad. Antes de salir de Dagoberto planifiqué la organización de nuestros trabajos, calculé presupuestos limitados y dejé hechos los enlaces y contactos para hacer efectiva una labor de resultados inmediatos y efectivos, dentro de las circunstancias apreciadas personalmente por mí. Hasta hoy nada se ha hecho porque aún no se ha resuelto lo relacionado con el financiamiento.

7.-De la cantidad que Ud. insinuó se me entregara mensualmente, no para gastos personales porque nunca los he solicitado, sino para inversiones relacionadas con nuestros asuntos, rindo cuentas documentadas mensualmente. De la primera suma de mil dólares recibida tuve que adquirir dos giros para enviárselos a mi hermano a Dagoberto, quien Ud. sabe carece de recursos e hizo el viaje por gestión de nuestras organizaciones y para resolver conflictos que habían surgido entre ellas. Por el atraso de mi viaje, tuvo que permanecer fuera de nuestra tierra por un período de mes y medio durante el cual recibió instrucciones, las comunicó a la fábrica y recibió nuevos requerimientos que me transmitió y fueron atendidos por mí. Pues bien, consideré que debía consteársele sus gastos. El primer giro de \$ 200 (dólares) se extravió por lo que tuve que comprar nuevo giro por igual cantidad, dando instrucciones al banco para que no se pagara el primero, pero la salida de estos fondos tuvo que figurar en mis cuentas mientras se lograba la reintegración del valor del primer giro. Posteriormente pedí que se le enviaran \$ 100 más. Al chequearse mis cuentas se me hizo el reparo, posiblemente pensándose en que la persona a quien se habían enviado estos fondos era un familiar mío. Ud. comprenderá lo que sentí ante tal observación, pues sabe de mis sacrificios inclusive económicos en mi lucha por nuestros ideales, y Ud. sabe también que nuestros amigos pusieron en una oportunidad 30,000 libras en mis manos y que rehusé recibirlos, pidiendo más tarde que le fueran enviados directamente a Ud. en dos partidas, lo que así se hizo.

8.-En mi carta anterior le hacía referencia al informe que preparaba de acuerdo [ ] contra Ud. y contra [ ] Tal informe fué trasladado por una persona del propio Comité. La parte fundamental del informe consistía en lo siguiente:

a)-que [ ] estaba haciendo gran derroche de dinero. Que en una noche había gastado en un cabaret más de 900 pesos mexicanos;

b)-que Ud. al conocer la denuncia de Delgado, para evitar que lo eliminaran nuestros amigos de esa, le había dado dinero para que huyera, lo que hacía suponer sus relaciones con Arbenz;

c)-su vida opulenta y la explotación de tres camionetas en negocios propios; y

se le ha venido atacando.

El amigo que me acompañaba, recibió instrucciones de regresar inmediatamente, lo que me hizo pensar que era uno de los efectos producidos al recibirse la información de la persona antes nombrada.

9.-Durante mi ausencia, según se me ha informado, la solicitud suya El Grupo aprobó el viaje de Arenas y Coronado a los países del Sur en una misión de propaganda. En los momentos actuales considero que Coronado nos será muy útil en Gonzalo y que la inversión que representa dicho viaje es más útil en otros negocios. Por otra parte, no veo ningún fin práctico en esta misión. He lamentado no estar de acuerdo, pero las cosas se harán como se han dispuesto y acordado. El asunto de [ ] es algo urgente que debemos resolver y por eso le he pedido me informe sobre los ofrecimientos que se le hicieron, pues él aceptó por la relación que existe entre nosotros. AC [ ] logré convencerla de venir a trabajar a Jacinto. Esta gestión la hice por insinuación de nuestros amigos. Ahora parece que se ha pensado de distinta manera y ella me ha puesto cuatro cartas manifestando extrañeza por mi falta de formalidad. Todo esto como Ud. comprenderá es sumamente desagradable.

10.-A todo lo anterior viene ahora a sumarse mi mala salud. El último viaje lo hice cayendo y levántandome. Después de permanecer cuatro días en cama sufriendo un ataque pancreático, me levanté para viajar a Dagoberto donde seguí mal. No obstante traté de cumplir con todos los encargos que llevaba en la mejor forma, organizar lo que consideré fundamental y traer toda la información básica para trazar nuestros planes de trabajo en la casa de dicho señor. Me siento minado por tal dolencia y considero que no podré seguir laborando en el puesto de responsabilidad que se me ha confiado, lo que me obliga a tomar la resolución de declinarlo y separarme de los trabajos que he tenido a mi cargo. Por otra parte, mis sugerencias en los asuntos militares no han sido aceptadas y no quiero asumir responsabilidades en asuntos en los cuales no tengo absoluta confianza, posiblemente por mi falta de conocimientos en esta clase de negocios.

Dado el desarrollo de nuestras cosas y alto nivel que han alcanzado, mi utilidad en nuestras labores es sumamente relativa. Todo esta en marcha y organizado, y solamente falta concluir lo que se tiene planeado. Mi cooperación en la dirección es ilusoria, Ud. puede entenderse para todo con nuestros amigos, de quienes debo decir que en todo lo demás se han portado conmigo en la forma más delicada y fina que yo no merezco. Yo soy ser consecuente y agradecido y esa consecuencia y ese agradecimiento lo encontrarán siempre de mi parte.

Como comprendo que las cosas no pueden dejarse sin antes llevar a cabo todos los arreglos para que sigan desarrollándose en una forma normal, he pensado seguir prestando mi colaboración hasta el día 15 de mayo próximo entrante, para dar todos los informes, orientaciones e instrucciones sobre lo que se encuentre pendiente, y después de esa fecha retirarme para atender mi salud y posiblemente para ausentarme durante un minimum de seis meses de estas tierras hospitalarias que tienen toda mi simpatía y en donde he tenido, como antes dije, atenciones, consideraciones y estimación que no merezco. Le ruego dar especial atención a la resolución que he tomado y a las causas que la justifican y que pediré al Creador que los ilumine y los ayude en la lucha que Uds. seguirán, y que les dé muy pronto la satisfacción de ver realizados sus altos y generosos propósitos.

Voy a escribir a nuestros grandes amigos comunicándoles mi resolución y le ruego procurar una entrevista con [ ] e informarle sobre ella. Si más tarde, cuando mi salud mejore, puedo ser útil en algo, estaré pronto a acudir al llamado que se me haga.

Con los recuerdos afectuosos de toda mi familia para Ud. y para su muy estimada Señora y con mis respetos para ella, lo abraza su amigo que lo estima y aprecia muy sinceramente,

[ ]

14 APRIL 1954

Memorandum for the Record

TO: Chief, Project

FROM: Francis T. MYLKES

SUBJECT: Comments of Francis T. MYLKES on [ ] letter  
to CALLIGERIS, 9 April 1954

Paragraph 1

[ ] Comments on his visit to Mexico: [ ]  
opinion is that the Congress will not come off in the manner in which it is planned, that the Junta should not send money to it, and that all of the aid and finances could be used in a much more effective form in combatting Communism in the actual movement in Guatemala and against the Communists there.

MYLKES' comments: As of this date no specific information has been given to [ ] regarding the naming of a delegation nor has been told which places those individuals will visit who are preparing the way for the Congress. He has been advised that CALLIGERIS is already preparing to send a two-man team throughout Latin America to arouse interest in the Congress.

Paragraph 2

MYLKES' comments: [ ] advised me personally that he was extremely dubious as to AVILA's purported personal contacts outside of Mexico and that he felt the sum of money which he was asking was entirely too high. (See Memorandum (unsigned) (from Florencia AVILA) to [ ] attachment to HULA 492 and HULA 493)

Paragraph 4

(For the memorandums referred to herein, see: HULA-489)

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Paragraph 5

MYLKES' comments: From the very beginning [ ] has voiced his intense dislike and distrust of any dealings [ ] and on various occasions he has pointed out to MYLKES the dangers inherent in any dealings [ ] In view of his previous warnings and misgivings about the Group's approaching [ ], he is now pointing out the results by the reaction in Mexico and the false sense of support to the [ ] group. He advised me that it would be extremely unwise to continue further dealings or activities with [ ] since he would then proceed in accordance with what [ ] has predicted: that is, "to write encouraging and not entirely correct letters regarding the support of the Group [ ] and others in Mexico."

The [ ] incident in Mexico unfortunately appears to be the straw that broke the camel's back, given the fact that [ ] was not in good physical health when he arrived in Mexico and was probably not too lenient in his opinions. This is evidenced by his statement to me that upon arriving in Mexico he fully intended to write a stinging letter of criticism to CALLIGERIS and to include with this his flat intention to resign from further activities with the Junta.

[ ] also feels that his prerogative of making on-the-spot decisions in propaganda tasks is negligible and his visit to Mexico has substantiated his opinion. Furthermore the fact that the Group was obviously backing a faction which in his opinion was anti-Junta indicated to him that the Group as well as CALLIGERIS was conducting an operation with which he was not in favor nor which he could prevent. In addition to this, he saw at first hand the results of the Group's collaboration [ ]

Therefore it is easy to assume that having been in the field and having seen there the results of policies with which he was not in agreement and over which he had no control, he should be left with an extremely frustrated feeling and would provide him with a very logical reason for wishing to relive himself of the responsibility for such activities.

Paragraph 6

MYLKES' comments: MYLKES noted the amount sent to [ ] brother in checking over his accounts. Since he had not been previously [ ] informed about this brother's activity in the Junta he asked [ ] in order to explain the expenditure of these funds. [ ] advised him at that time that it had been an emergency situation and that upon [ ]



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his arrival in Mexico he would arrange for the repayment of these funds in full to the Group. Now [ ] infers that this was a reflection upon his integrity. MYLKES had no intention of making a personal accusation against [ ] but was interested in knowing the position of [ ] brother in the Junta in as much as he had received an amount of five hundred dollars.

Paragraph 8

MYLKES' Comments: The person who spread these reports is reported by [ ] to be [ ] [ ] advised me that he considered the reports about [ ] free spending to be true.

Paragraph 9

MYLKES' Comments: I advised [ ] of the ARENAS arrangement and stated that CALLIGERIS had asked that ARENAS be taken out of the Tegucigalpa area and put some place where he could serve the Junta but at the same time could not cause confusion among the other exiled Guatemalans in that area. [ ] expressed the same opinions about the ARENAS trip to me as he does in this letter to CALLIGERIS. I then asked him for his recommendation as to what we should do with ARENAS. He gave me a very vague answer and said we could "possibly send him to Mexico" or "Don't worry about him. He won't cause any trouble."

[ ] asked [ ] to come to LINCOLN but she has not yet been advised when she should come. [ ] says here that the Group has changed its mind and he is placed in an extremely disagreeable position.

[ ] is now at a LINCOLN safehouse.

Paragraph 10

MYLKES' Comments: It is difficult for me to understand the complete finality of his decision at this time. During my recent trip to his home (7 - 9 April) he made no mention of a possible resignation from the activities of the Junta and the Group. The only indication that I had was that he did state that while in Mexico he had become so discouraged that at one point he almost wrote a very strong and bitter letter to CALLIGERIS telling him that he was finished with the entire cause.

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In reviewing the reasons which [ ] offers as cause for his separation from the movement, it seems important to note that his physical condition has brought with it a considerable amount of mental depression which has coincided with his descending position of responsibility in comparison with CALLIGERIS. During the past weeks it has become obvious to an intelligent man like [ ] that his position of responsibility is now illusory for all practical purposes. It must be noted, however, that he has been constantly asked to voice his opinions on propaganda articles and on methods of improving propaganda lines. However, he has been absent from LINCOLN for more than one month and during that time the events have moved in swift fashion, particularly in the formation of political themes and the development of a staff at LINCOLN.

Activities in Mexico have also moved very fast and apparently without order so that at the time [ ] arrived there he was presented with a scene of wild disorder. The date for the Congress had already been set yet the sponsors of the Congress had not yet considered an agenda nor the delegates to be invited. Undoubtedly this situation, together with the fact that he was in contact with a man whom he considered an inept and amateurish case officer [ ] did not increase his enthusiasm for the Congress nor his confidence in the idea of a Congress. The further realization that the Group was supporting [ ] who was villifying not only CALLIGERIS but other individuals connected with the Junta thoroughly soured him on the entire affair.

Without having discussed the matter with [ ] it is safe to say that the state of his health has caused him serious concern. In addition his wife appeared extremely concerned and morose about the prospects for the success of the movement, in sharp contrast with her high spirits of December 1953. The influence of his wife cannot be overlooked since [ ] is known to be an extremely faithful family man.

It seems clear that [ ] is now quite convinced that the operation has become primarily a military affair and that an individual in his position is not as necessary as it had been originally supposed. Therefore it is hard to imagine that he will suggest a successor to himself.

#### Additional Comments

[ ] will leave the [ ] on approximately 19 April 1954. It is deemed highly necessary to reach some decision regarding the possibilities for a new proposal to [ ] at that time.

It is also believed necessary to advise CALLIGERIS by cable of the situation prior to his receiving [ ] letters. His reaction

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would be a necessary preliminary to any representative of the Group's meeting with [ ] after his discharge from the hospital.

His actual physical condition determined, it is suggested that a more careful and possibly a more favorable review be made of [ ] position. His mental outlook may be very much improved by favorable results of his medical examination. In any event it is not believed advisable to force him to return to his former position since in the present arrangement it would be impossible to accord him that strength of command which he feels is necessary. This demand cannot be reconciled under the present arrangements which now exist between the Junta and the Group. CALLIGERIS' dominant position is all too clear to [ ] at this point; his own secondary position is equally clear to him. The best that can be hoped is to maintain [ ] in an advisory capacity since his strength as a civil administrator or as a force for stability cannot be overlooked or under-played once PBSUCCESS has achieved victory in the military sense.

Francis T. MYLRES


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Muy estimado don Roberto:

Un fuerte apretón de manos y luego <sup>un</sup> abrazo afectuoso para Ud. que tenga buenas noticias de su muy estimada Señora y al escribirle enviarle con mi afectuoso saludo mis votos sinceros por su bienestar. No olvidaré las finezas, delicadas atenciones y consideraciones que Uds. tuvieron para conmigo, y que Ud. sigue teniendo al interesarse por mi salud.

Aún no me siento bien y de acuerdo con la promesa que le hice a Ud. visitaré  para chequearme y someterme a un tratamiento formal. Iniciaré mis exámenes el día 14.

Los quebrantos de mi salud me han obligado a escribir a Pancho en la forma que lo hago. Le ruego leer detenidamente mi carta e informar a El Grupo sobre mi decisión y sobre las razones que me impulsan a tomarla.

Estoy muy agradecido a nuestros amigos, entre los que Ud. figura, y créame que seguiría en mi puesto de lucha si no fuera por mi estado físico, pues comprendo que los demás asuntos podrían arreglarse y orientarse. A todos les quedo muy agradecido, reconocido y obligado.

En cuanto me sea posible iré a verlo para satisfacer todas las obligaciones finales al puesto que he tenido y a las responsabilidades que asumí. El Grupo podrá pensar mientras tanto la forma de continuar nuestros trabajos sin mi intervención.

Hasta muy pronto, y en tanto que tengo el gusto de verlo, le ratifico una vez más, mi amistad, estimación y sincero aprecio,

su afectísimo amigo

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CONTACT REPORT

DATE: 2000 16 April 1954

PLACE: Telephone Conversation

PERSONS PRESENT: [ ] and [ ]

SUBJECT: [ ] Health

1. [ ] advised that instead of finishing his medical examination on 17 April as originally planned it has been delayed until 24 April at which time final diagnosis of his illness will be made by the [ ] [ ] said that he was entirely satisfied with the completeness of the examinations and said that he has felt slightly better during the last few days. [ ] told [ ] that he had communicated to the Group the state of [ ] health.

2. [ ] also told [ ] that he would visit him in his home upon completion of his medical examinations in order to discuss [ ] recent resignation letter. [ ] said that the Group at this time did not wish to upset [ ] nor to worry him with this matter until he was released from the hospital. [ ] advised that [ ] letter had missed the past week's mail but that it would be in CALLIGERIS' hands this coming week.

3. [ ] told [ ] that plans for the project were moving ahead on all fronts and that the exploitation of [ ] will soon receive the full backing of the Group for his group, the [ ] in Mexico City.

4. [ ] expressed his satisfaction with this and stated that in addition to this propaganda activity he wanted to make sure that the widest distribution and the fullest exploitation would be made of the Guatemalan Archbishop's pastoral letter re communism. [ ] told [ ] that a check would be made to determine the exact actions which were taking place. He was advised that the Group had already been advised to use the letter to fullest advantage.

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CONTACT REPORT

DATE: 12 April 1954  
PLACE: [ ] Home  
PERSONS PRESENT: [ ] and Francis T. MYLKES  
SUBJECT: Visit of MYLKES at home of [ ] 7 - 10 April 1954

1. The purposes of MYLKES's trip was to: 1) ascertain the condition of [ ] health; 2) learn the results of his recent trip to Mexico; 3) to advise him of the current situation at LINCOLN.

2. It was quickly ascertainable that [ ] health had deteriorated from the time when he had left LINCOLN. Through observation and conversation with [ ] and his family, it was easy to see that he needed an immediate expert medical examination. Believing a true statement of [ ] physical state was necessary, MYLKES advised [ ] that it was the Group's wish that he be given a complete medical-checkup to determine the actual cause of his illness. [ ] acceded to this wish; therefore, shortly afterward, MYLKES went [ ] and made an appointment for [ ] in that city. This [ ] accorded high respect in medical circles in that city and is therefore believed to afford [ ] the best facilities for a complete physical check-up. For, in addition to its high professional standards, [ ] is known to have several Spanish speaking doctors and nurses. MYLKES was unable to obtain a reservation at [ ] before 14 April. [ ] agreed to submit a full report on the medical circumstances after being discharged from [ ] the complete examination is expected to take approximately four to five days.

3. MYLKES advised [ ] of recent events at LINCOLN: of the imminent necessity to move ahead in all activity -- military, propaganda, and intelligence. MYLKES advised [ ] there are now four individuals at the propaganda safe-house, that programs are being cut for the radio, and newspaper articles are being sent to the Junta's clandestine newspapers. It was decided that [ ] should return to LINCOLN immediately after his discharge from the hospital, provided that he found it impossible to return for two or three days prior to his entrance into [ ] In the event

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that [ ] health will not permit him to return to LINCOLN it was decided that MYLKES should again travel to [ ] and a basic decision regarding [ ] position would be made at that time.

4. [ ] Comments on his trip to Mexico:

- a. General: [ ] was left with an extremely negative impression of the Congress to be held in Mexico in May. He believes that the money and time and energy which is to be expended in this Congress could be better spent on the liberation of Guatemala and Costa Rica. With regard to activities other than those connected with the Congress, [ ] was slightly more enthusiastic. He believes that he has left the Junta more firmly entrenched there and he believes that his conversations with [ ] have had and will have a very stimulating effect within Guatemala.
- b. Colonel RAMIREZ and the Comité Pro-Liberación de Guatemala: [ ] stated that he had very little regard for Colonel RAMIREZ who is presently in charge of a small splinter group of Guatemalan, anti-communist refugees now residing in Mexico. He advised that only three people comprise this group and that it held no meetings and was not capable of distributing large amounts of propaganda, particularly into Guatemala, and that it had absolutely no influence among any other anti-communist group of Guatemalans in Mexico. [ ] declared further that from all indications this group has absolutely no influence among Mexican anti-communist elements. As a result of these factors [ ] said that he felt the Comité has little or no purpose for its existence while he felt that the new group [ ] which he has organized under [ ] should now be given the full support of the Junta: he hopes that his recommendation will be accepted by the Group. He said that such a change was necessary inasmuch as there is a serious ideological split between CALLIGERIS and RAMIREZ. As an example, [ ] cited the fact that on several occasions RAMIREZ has printed articles which were extremely disparaging to General ARANA. According to [ ] ARANA was the principal man of support and influence who backed CALLIGERIS before his assassination by ARBENZ forces. [ ] said that it was probably for this reason more than any other that CALLIGERIS, acting on his own, had sent [ ] into Mexico to organize a more serious and properly oriented group of Guatemalans.

MYLKES' comments: It appears necessary for the Group to make a decision as soon as possible as to whether it will

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support the [ ] group under the direction of [ ] which has the support of CALLIGERIS and [ ] It is also believed necessary for [ ] to reconsider the Comité as a truly effective anti-communist Guatemalan force. The evidence which [ ] has submitted shows apparently that the Comité has little or no reason for its continued existence.

c. [ ] and the Congreso: [ ] was left with the impression that [ ] and his assistant, [ ] are two industrious, fast-talking, verbose men who for the sake of personal and/or financial gain were interested in sponsoring the Congreso. He does not believe that these two men can be considered as sincere ideological anti-communists. However, [ ] does feel that because of the personal and financial gain which have accrued as a result of their activities, there can be no doubt that these two men can be quite useful in sponsoring such a Congreso. He did indicate that in all dealings with these two men, considerable care should be given to the management of funds and a very careful accounting demanded since it is his impression that neither of these men would be very careful in handling large amounts of money.

When [ ] arrived in Mexico and talked with [ ] he found that neither of the two men, although they had made plans and were beginning to issue invitations to the Congress, had an agenda or a program for the Congress. Lacking these primary ingredients for a Congress, [ ] properly declared that he was not willing to assist this group financially until he knew more of the details.

Despite this clear statement, [ ] received a cable in his home two days after his return which asked that funds be sent immediately to cover the expenses of the Guatemalan delegates who would be traveling soon in various Latin American countries. Regarding the exact names of the Guatemalan delegates to represent the Junta at this Congreso, [ ] said that at this time he has not specifically designated anyone. However, he did say that if the Congreso was held and if suitable financial arrangements could be made he would suggest the names of one or two individuals who would be assets at such a Congreso.



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MYLKES' comments: It was not known at this time that [redacted] had simultaneously cabled CALLIGERIS asking for names of candidates to make the trip to Latin America and probably asking for money.

- d. Visit with [redacted] [redacted] was extremely pleased with these interviews. [redacted] acting upon instructions from [redacted] [redacted] came to visit him in Mexico.

[redacted] [redacted] advised MYLKES that he had requested [redacted] [redacted] at his earliest opportunity to return to Guatemala and make contact [redacted] [redacted] The purpose of this contact would be to galvanize [redacted] into action against the ARBENZ Government now that it was known that the Junta was strongly supported and backed by people who would see the cause through to the finish.

MYLKES' comments: Apparently [redacted] [redacted] was extremely successful in this manoeuver because within a four or five day period after [redacted] [redacted] arrival in Guatemala, contact was undoubtedly made by [redacted] [redacted] and as a result [redacted] published a strong anti-communist declaration against the Communists.

[redacted] [redacted] also agreed to the possibility that upon his return to Guatemala [redacted] [redacted] would make several contacts with people who would take part in, or be given instructions as to the anti-communist campaign and the anti-government campaign. [redacted] [redacted] was instructed to contact [redacted] [redacted] and other anti-communist individuals for the purpose of securing their cooperation in utilizing speeches which would be prepared by the Junta. Ostensibly the speeches would be the Senators' own opinions but in actuality would be closely coordinated with the Group. These individuals will be unwitting of the source of their material except for the fact that it is of a definite anti-communist nature and that it has some connection with the movement led by CALLIGERIS and [redacted] [redacted] boasted of his enthusiasm and confidence that the Senators would be more than willing to cooperate in this venture.

[redacted] [redacted] was also told to contact [redacted] [redacted] an individual who is known to be extremely anti-communist and who, according to [redacted] [redacted] would be very helpful in setting up an

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intelligence net in Guatemala. [ ] was of course not told the purpose for which [ ] was being considered but merely that he was to sound him out as the extent that he, [ ] would be willing to assist in the anti-communist movement. [ ] again announced his confidence in being able to secure [ ] cooperation in such an endeavor.

[ ] was also told to contact several other individuals known to be anti-communist and who have no previous record of arrests: they are to be asked to aid in the drawing up of a political program for a new anti-communist government. These individuals are [ ] and [ ] all of whom have had a great deal of experience in the industrial, banking and commercial circles of Guatemala. They would be extremely influential in sponsoring any economic-political program developed by the Group.

[ ] advised MYLKES that from time to time [ ] would check with the person who gave him [ ] letter (asking him to come to Mexico).

MYLKES' comments: It will be possible for Station Guatemala to enlarge upon and exercise more direct control over

[ ] in the future as a result of his favorable response to [ ] demands. It is believed that a special case officer should be assigned to [ ] other than the PP Case Officer in Guatemala, if this has not already been done. The importance of [ ] as a finger man cannot be underestimated in developing new talent for both FI and PP nets.

- e. The remaining incidents of [ ] trip to Mexico are fully reported by him in separate reports and are considered extremely interesting (See attachments to HULA-489). Note particularly his conversation with CALDERON Guardia, a Costa Rican exile now in Mexico, and [ ] comments regarding the political situation in Mexico. (Mylikes' comment: these comments are extremely important for us since they reflect the outsider's viewpoint, of one who has lived for a considerable time in Mexico and who is familiar with Mexican politics.)

Recommendation:

It is believed important to ascertain from [ ] its evaluation [ ] whom [ ] has [ ]

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recommended in so laudatory manner. [ ] to  
head both the organization, [ ], and [ ]  
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